(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Government has launched Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for strengthening Sub-Transmission and Distribution and improve financial viability of the States APDRP has the following two components:

(i) **Investment** component-Government of India provides financial assistance to the States as additional Central Assistance over the above the normal Central Plan allocation, for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network. APDRP finances 50% of the project cost in the form of 50% grant and 50% loan to SEBs in the case of Non Special Category States. SEBs/Utilities have to arrange remaining 50% of the fund from Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) or other financial institutions as counter-part fund. For Special Category States, Government of India provides 100% of the project cost as financial assistance in the ratio of 90% grant and 10% loan. (States of north-eastern region, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Sikkim are covered under special category).

(ii) **Incentive component-**The State Governments are incentivised up to 50% of the actual cash loss reduction by SEBs/Utilities, as grant. The year 2000-01 is taken as the base year for the calculation of loss reduction. Under this components, funds would be provided by Government of India to State Governments is 100% grant. This component has been introduced to motivate the SEBs/utilities to reduce their financial losses. The cash losses are calculated net of subsidy and receivables.

(d) The Government has provided a budget allocation of Rs.3500 crores under APDRP for 2003-04 which includes investment and incentive components. Release of funds under investment component depends on the utilization by the State Utilities. Release of fund under incentive component depends on the State Government making claims of cash loss reduction supported by Audit Report. The grant component to the State under investment and incentive component is determined as explained in (c) above.

Power Generating Units in Assam

174. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of power generating units in Assam at present;

(b) whether Government are considering the establishment of new power plants to help the State of Assam in its current power crisis;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The total number of power generating units (including Central Sector) in Assam at present is 36.

(b) to (d) The following power projects in State Sector have been targeted for commissioning in the State of Assam during 10th Plan period:

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Capacity (MW)	Schedule of Commissioning
1.	Karbi Langpi (Hydel)	100	2006-07
2.	LakwaW.H. (Thermal)	38	2006-07

In addition, capacity addition of 365 MW is targeted for commissioning during 10th Plan in the Central Sector in North Eastern region in which the State of Assam will have entitlements.

Losses incurred by SEBs

†l75. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total financial losses incurred by State Electricity Boards during the last three years;

(b) the details of financial aid provided by Government during this period, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the effective action proposed to be taken by Government to reduce losses and make State Electricity Boards self-reliant during next three years.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) State-wise details of cumulative commercial losses of the SEBs without subsidy at the end of March 2000,2001 and 2002 are given in enclosed statement (See below).

(b) and (c) The Union Government, in order to help the State • Electricity Boards, is providing funds to States under Accelerated

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.